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NEW INITIATIVES FOR ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give a fresh look in view of several new initiatives taken by the state Government of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details in thereof;

(c) the details of the growth rate achieved by the State during the Tenth Plan and proposes to achieve in the eleventh plan period; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to achieve the objectives of eleventh plan in Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING(SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Most of the new initiatives of the State Government will supplement the centrally sponsored schemes and other schemes of the Central Government.

(b): The new initiatives of the State Government include schemes such as the Gopabandhu Gramin Yojana which has been launched with a view to providing infrastructure mainly electricity, road and water supply to the districts not covered by the Backward Regions Grant Fund; the Biju Gram Jyoti Scheme which has been initiated to provide electricity to villages not covered by the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana; and the Biju KBK Yojana which has been started to supplement the Centrally funded Special Plan for the KBK districts.

(c): In the first four years of the Eleventh Plan, the average growth rate of the State of Orissa was 7.26%. The State Government have proposed a growth rate of 9% for the Eleventh Plan.

(d): The State Government have suggested a number of steps which will be taken to achieve the objectives of the proposed Eleventh Plan. These include, inter alia, special attention to the marginalized sections of society, particularly Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes,Minority communities, adolescent girls, the elderly and the physically challenged; focus on outcomes rather than expenditure; creation of employment opportunities on a large scale; sustained efforts in governance and fiscal reforms; devolution of powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions; doubling agricultural production; industrialization coupled with measures to achieve environmental sustainability and reducing human suffering due to displacement; and stress on economic infrastructure.